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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (NOTE FROM DRAFTING OFFICER STATES
THAT AT THE TIME THE CABLE WAS DRAFTED THE EMBASSY DID NOT
KNOW WHO WOULD ASSIST PRESIDENT PEREZ. ANYWAY THIS TEXT IS
BEING REPLACED BY ANOTHER ONE TODAY) THIS IS IN REF TO LAST
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1. FOLLOWING IS COUNTERDRAFT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE
PRESENTED TO US TONIGHT (MARCH 27) BY FONMIN. THIS IS THE
VERSION EDITED AND APPROVED BY FONMIN AND PRESIDENT.
IT SEEMS TO US TO CONTAIN SEVERAL POTENTIAL PROBLEMS
SINCE THEY HAVE INCLUDED IN THE WORDING ALL THEIR PET PROJECTS
AND IDEAS. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO NARROW DOWN
DIFFERENCES TONIGHT AND IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
IS TROUBLESOME TO US, IT WILL HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BY
SOMEONE IN THE OFFICIAL PARTY TOMORROW.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THRE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND MRS. JIMMY CARTER VISITED CARACAS MARCH 28-29, 1978, AT THE
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INVITATION OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. THE PRESIDENT AND
MRS. CARTER WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND
MRS. CYRUS VANCE, DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS TERENCE A. TODMAN,
AND DIRECTOR OF POLICY PLANNING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
W. ANTHONY LAKE. PRESIDENT PEREZ WAS ASSISTED IN THE DISCUSSIONS BY
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3. "THE VISIT REFLECTED THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES AND SERVED SO THAT BOTH COULD CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE INITIATED IN 1977 ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISITS WHICH THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT MADE TO WASHINGTON.

4. "THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRACY AND PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS A RIGHT OF ALL SOCIETIES AND RATIFIED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CHARTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS. BOTH PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL SOON ENTER INTO FORCE AND MANIFESTED THEIR GOVERNMENTS' INTEREST IN SEEING BOTH THE AUTONOMY AND RESOURCES OF THE INTER- AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INCREASED, AGREEING IN THEIR BELIEF THAT THE COMMISSION HAS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE EFFECTIVE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HEMISPHERE.

5. "THE PRESIDENTS EXAMINED THE PROCESS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES SIGNED AT THE OAS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA WHICH IS NOW FOLLOWING ITS COURSE IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PROCESS MAY REACH A HAPPY ENDING SO THAT, IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT MANNER, A HARMONIC FUTURE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA CAN BE GUARANTEED

THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE RESERVATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO THE NEUTRALITY TREATY AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ONCE THE RATIFICATION PROCESS IS CONCLUDED, IT WILL NOT BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY AS COMPARED TO ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSES.

6. "DURING THE CONVERSATIONS, THE HEADS OF STATE EXAMINED THE PRESENT STATE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, THE CONSEQUENCES AND THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON COMMERCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LATIN AMERICA, THE QUESTION OF THE PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS, THE SITUATION OF THE DOLLAR AS AN INTERNATIONAL MEANS OF PAYMENT AND OTHER RELATED ASPECTS. THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE NECESSITY THAT, IN THE REFORMS OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SYSTEM, FORMULAS BE SOUGHT URGENTLY WHICH WILL RESOLVE THE INEQUALITY BETWEEN THE PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS WHICH OUR COUNTRIES EXPORT (SIC) AND THE PRICES OF MANUFACTURES WHICH ARE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

7. "BOTH PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT IT IS URGENT THAT A CODE OF CONDUCT BE APPROVED IN THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH WILL REGULATE THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS AND ALSO WITH THE PRIVATE SECTORS OF THOSE COUNTRIES. THEY CONDEMNED THE PRACTICE OF BRIBES AND ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND CONSIDERED THEM AS A SOURCE OF CONFLICTS AND CONCLUDED THAT THEY WERE THE CAUSE NOT ONLY OF SERIOUS OBSTACLES IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN TNCs AND GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO OF DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES.

8. "THE PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE AND THE UTILITY OF ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE NORTH/SOUTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIALOGUE WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER WORLD ORGANIZATIONS.

9. "THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA EXPRESSED THE GREAT PREOCCUPATION OF HIS COUNTRY WITH THE SLOWNESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIMITED AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE OF PARIS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE UNJUSTIFIED DELAY IN ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMON FUND AS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM ON BASIC PRODUCTS.

10. "THE PRESIDENTS EXAMINED THE WORLD'S POLITICAL SITUATION AND WITHIN THIS CONTEXT THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN AFRICA. BOTH PRESIDENTS CONDEMNED THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN FORCES IN AFRICA. THEY REITERATED THEIR CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID AS AN UNACCEPTABLE NEGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND AS A TOTALARIAN PRACTICE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE HUMAN CONDITIONS. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEIR SUPPORT OF NAMIBIA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 385. THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA CONDEMNED THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND EXPRESSED HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE SUPPORT WHICH THE RACIST GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY RECEIVES FROM CERTAIN WESTERN NATIONS.

11. "THE PRESIDENTS EXCHANGED IMPRESSIONS CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND DEPLORED THE RECENT VIOLENCE OCCURRED IN THAT AREA. THEY AGREED THAT IT IS NECESSARY AND URGENT TO MULTIPLY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND PERMANENT AGREEMENT BASED ON RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BEARING IN MIND THAT WITHOUT AN ADEQUATE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE NO AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE WHICH CAN GUARANTEE PEACE.

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12. THEY NOTED THEIR MEETING COINCIDED WITH THE
OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST SUBSTAN-
TIVE MEETING IN CARACAS 4 YEARS AGO. THEY AGREED
THAT IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT THE CONFERENCE
REACH AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE CONVENIENT AND JUST FOR ALL
COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR AS CONCERNS THE EXPLOITA-
TION OF THE DEEP SEABEDS. THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA
EXPRESSED THAT, IN EFFECT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REACH A
DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT IN THIS THIRD CONFERENCE BECAUSE
ANY HASTE IN MAKING UNILATERAL DECISIONS WOULD NOT
BE LESS HARMFUL THAN AN EXCESSIVE DELAY IN NEGOTIATIONS.

13. "WHILE ANALYZING URGENT MATTERS,
THE TWO PRESIDENTS DEDICATED AN IMPORTANT PORTION OF
THEIR TIME TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE IDEA ALREADY
AGREED TO IN WASHINGTON 1977 CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM FOR THE CARIBBEAN BASIN. THEY EXAMINED
THE ROLE PLAYED IN THE PRELIMINARY STUDIES BY THE
WORLD BANK AS WELL AS BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITU-
TIONS. EVEN AS THEY MANIFESTED THEIR SATISFACTION
WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY UNDER WAY, THEY AGREED
THAT IT IS URGENT TO DEDICATE ATTENTION TO BRINGING
THIS IDEA TO FRUTITION IN THE SENSE OF FACILITATING
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THE INTEGRATION BONDS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THAT
AREA AND THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA IN SUCH A WAY
AS TO HELP THE STATES OF THE CARIBBEAN IN THEIR

EFFORT FOR A VIABLE DEVELOPMENT WHICH SATISFIES
THEIR OWN ASPIRATIONS.

14. THE THEMES CONCERNING LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION WERE THE OBJECT OF PARTICULAR ATTENTION.
THE PRESIDENTS EXAMINED THE PROGRESS OF THE ANDEAN
PACT, ITS IMPORTANT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN 1977,
THE FUNCTIONING OF LAFTA AND THE PROGRESS OF SELA.
THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA CONSIDERED THE CONTRIBUTION
THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT MAKE TOWARDS SELA, ABOVE
ALL ON MATTERS RELATED TO SOME OF THE ACTION COMMITTEES.
PRESIDENT CARTER MANIFESTED HIS SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT
FOR THE IMPORTANT COOPERATIVE
EFFORT AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE AREA REFLECTED
IN THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS OF REGIONAL
INTEGRATION, AND, IN THAT SENSE, OFFERED AMPLE TECHNICAL
AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
THESE PURPOSES.

15. "WITH RELATION TO NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION
THE TWO PRESIDENTS TOOK NOTE OF THE NECESSITY FOR
IMPLEMENTING GREATER SAFEGUARDS AND TO MAKE GREATER
USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONCE THE
RISKS, NOT YET RESOLVED, ARE TAKEN CARE OF. THEY
PRESIDENTS GAVE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE ENTRY
INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY OF TLATTELOCO.

16. "THE PRESIDENTS EXCHANGED IDEAS ABOUT THE
STRATEGIC AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE IN LATIN AMERICA
AND EXPRESSED THEIR DISQUIET WITH THE GROWING ARMS
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RACE WHICH CAN BE SEEN IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF THE
REGION AND IN THE RESURGENCE OF OLD CONFLICTS.
THEY AGREED THAT IT IS URGENT TO RESTRICT THE
TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AS WAS ENVISAGED
IN THE 1974 AYACUCHO DECLARATION. THE PRESIDENT OF
VENEZUELA EXPRESSED THE NECESSITY OF USING ALL NECESSARY
INFLUENCE SO THAT THE ARMS RACE IN LATIN AMERICA BE
RESTRICTED SINCE IT IS UNJUSTIFIABLE IN COUNTRIES
WITH SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND
BECAUSE BROTHER COUNTRIES OUGHT TO RESOLVE THEIR
DIFFERENCE THROUGH PEACEFUL AND JUST NEGOTIATIONS,
PRESERVING IN THIS WAY THE CONTINENTAL TRADITION OF
PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO CONFLICTS.

17. "INsofar AS BILATERAL MATTERS ARE CONCERNED
THEY CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUOUS COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY AND THE STABLE PARTICIPATION
OF VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM EXPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES

MARKET. THEY CONSIDERED USEFUL THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH BETWEEN THE VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY AND US.S. ENERGY SECRETARY POINTING OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEAVY CRUDE. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS BOTH AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL AS WELL AS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL ON ENERGY MATTERS AS WELL AS TO ESTABLISH PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS ON ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

18. "THE TWO PRESIDENTS TOOK NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE SIGNATURE DURING THE VISIT OF THE TREATY ON MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES (AND AN AGREEMENT ON TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION) AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON NARCOTICS. NOT ONLY THE SIGNATURE OF THE TREATY, BUT ALSO THAT OF THE OTHER AGREEMENTS REFLECTED THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

19. "THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE EXPRESSED THEIR COMPLETE PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS AND TOOK NOTE THAT THIS TIME VISIT, THE THIRD MEETING BETWEEN THEM DURING THE LAST YEAR, WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR INTEREST IN CONTINUING THEIR CONSULTATIONS ON WORLD MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE TWO COUNTRIES.

20. "UPON ENDING HIS STAY IN VENEZUELA, PRESIDENT AN MRS. CARTER THANKED PRESIDENT PEREZ FOR THE CORDIAL HOSPITALITY OFFERED THEM AND THEIR OFFICIAL PARTY BY THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT. END QUOTE. VAKY

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